

The following paragraphs are introductions I have written for you to use for your final essay. Choose one and fill in the missing details; otherwise, no rewriting is necessary. I give you a good introduction, ready to go!

Write the rest of the essay around the thesis you created by adding details to the introduction. Use your rubric on the back and your Olympus High Writers Guide to revise, edit, and prepare your final draft. Because this is a formal, academic, revised work, my expectations are high and my grading will be thorough. The REVISION CHECKLIST in the Writer's Guide will be especially helpful.

FORMAT: Final drafts must be typed, double-spaced. Include your name and class period in the top right corner of the paper then go down 2-3 lines. Here, you'll type the title of your essay, centered, in all capital letters OR bold-face type. Go down 2-3 more lines and begin the essay, indenting paragraphs and adding no extra spaces between paragraphs. (NOTE: there is NO separate cover page.) Attach the rubric (face up) to the BACK of your final draft before you turn the essay in.

1 In an interview, Anne Tyler said, "I consciously try to end my novels at a point where I won't have to wonder about my characters ever again." Still, as most contemporary novelists, she often closes her stories at a peak in the plot, without any epilogue. In *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant*, particularly, she finishes without plot resolution or full character exposés. If she does not have to wonder about the Tull family ever again, she certainly leaves the reader thinking about them. Despite unresolved feelings, however, the details of the novel reveal that Tyler has, in fact, finished her story. [This character], particularly shows why Tyler has resolved the novel to the point where she won't have to wonder about [him/her] again.

2 In his *New York Times Book Review of Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant* by Anne Tyler, Benjamin de Mott called the novel "funny, heart-hammering, wise" and "superb entertainment." He finished his review stating simply that the novel is "an extremely beautiful book." Of these five descriptions, "_____" best fits the novel because (of) _____, _____, and _____.

3 In a brief quote near the beginning of *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant*, Anne Tyler reveals an important theme to her novel: "It was remarkable, Pearl thought, how people displayed their characters in every little thing they undertook" (17). This reveals how even the smallest, seemingly mundane details and descriptions reveal motives, feelings, even the psychology of a character. [This character], particularly shows how Tyler proves this notion throughout the novel.

4 Though certainly different in genre, style, and subject, reading the poem "_____" by _____ and the novel *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant* by Anne Tyler together offer deeper connections and insight, particularly about the novel. Specific lines and phrases, especially, emphasize (that) _____.